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TO : General Counsel

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FROM : Comptroller

SUBJECT: CIA Legislative Program

1. There are listed below several items which we recommend for consideration in connection with the CIA Legislative program:

a. P.L. 495, 83rd Congress, pertaining to the recovery, care, disposition and burial of the remains of deceased government employees, grants powers and authorities to the Secretaries of the Army, Air Forces, Navy, Treasury, Health, Education and Welfare, and Commerce are much broader than those granted the DCI in P.L. 110, Sec. 5(a) (6). Since many of the cases involving the disposition of the remains of deceased employees of this Agency are handled by the Army on a reimbursable basis, and inasmuch as the broader authorities granted in P.L. 495 are needed by this Agency in connection with the proper disposal of the remains of employees who die while on overseas duty, it is recommended that consideration be given to amending P.L. 110 to enable the DCI to exercise the authorities granted to the Secretaries of other Departments by P.L. 495.

b. P.L. 110, Sec. 5(a) (7) - Consider desirability of amending last sentence concerning "Violations" of employment agreements to conform more nearly to the provisions of P.L. 830, 81st Congress. This section is more restrictive than provisions of P.L. 830 which authorize the return of an employee to the U.S. for the convenience of the Government. Security considerations make it desirable that this Agency have such authority.

Amend

c. P.L. 110, Sec. 5(a) (2) - Delete the phrase "involving a change of permanent station". Delete the words "pertaining to the transfer" in line 5; delete the words "and transfer" in line 6, and delete the words "and transfer" in line 8. This amendment would not effect the amounts paid to the traveler, but would enable the Agency to charge all travel and transportation costs to the appropriation for the fiscal year in which the travel or transportation began instead of prorating it between fiscal years. At present this can be

done in connection with travel and transportation costs incident to a transfer of official station, but cannot be done in connection with travel costs for temporary duty, home leave, reporting to first post of duty, and return for separation. This amendment would result in a savings to the Government by permitting more effective and efficient budgeting, allocation, and accounting for funds expended for this purpose.



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